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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The boundaries of the 67th Representative District are generally in the City of Rockford extending to the southwest; and

WHEREAS, The 67th Representative District has a voting-age population of over 108,000 people of various ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, Violent crime is a serious problem in the City of Rockford; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that there is created the Rockford Violent Crime Task Force within the Illinois State Police, to consist of the following:

- (1) the Governor, or his or her designee;
- (2) the Mayor of the City of Rockford, or his or her designee;
- (3) the Illinois Attorney General, or his or her designee;
- (4) a member of an association representing State's Attorneys appointed by the Governor;
- (5) a member of a Winnebago County legal association appointed by the Governor;

1 (6) a member of the Winnebago County Violent Crime Task
2 Force appointed by the members of the Winnebago County
3 Violent Crime Task Force;

4 (7) two members of the Illinois House of
5 Representatives chosen by the Speaker of the Illinois House
6 of Representatives, one of whom shall serve as co-chair;

7 (8) two members of the Illinois House of
8 Representatives chosen by the Minority Leader of the
9 Illinois House of Representatives;

10 (9) the President of the Student Government
11 Association at Rock Valley College;

12 (10) the Director of Corrections or his or her
13 designee, who must:

14 (A) be from the Division of Parole;

15 (B) be an active field agent; and

16 (C) possess at least a master's degree in criminal
17 justice or criminology;

18 (11) a faculty member of the Criminal Justice program
19 at Rock Valley College appointed by the President of Rock
20 Valley College; and

21 (12) a representative of an organization representing
22 Rockford-area businesses appointed by the Speaker of the
23 Illinois House of Representatives; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That all appointments shall be made no later than
25 45 days following the adoption of this resolution; and be it

1 further

2 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall study and determine the
3 causes of violent crime in Rockford and nearby affected
4 communities; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall study and determine the
6 feasibility of deploying the Illinois State Police to Rockford
7 and nearby affected communities and neighborhoods; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall develop a comprehensive
10 long-term solution to the effect of violent crime in Rockford
11 and nearby affected communities; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall recommend a plan of
13 action to substantially reduce the incidents of violent crime
14 in Rockford and nearby affected communities; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall draft any necessary
16 legislation and make any necessary recommendations for
17 appropriations for the General Assembly to pass and the
18 Governor to sign to place the plan of action into immediate
19 effect; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall report its findings and

1 recommendations and submit any and all proposed legislation to
2 the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 31,
3 2015; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the members of the Task Force shall serve
5 without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for their
6 reasonable and necessary expenses from the funds appropriated
7 for that purpose from the Illinois State Lottery; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to
10 the Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives, the
11 Minority Leader of the Illinois House of Representatives, the
12 Governor of the State of Illinois, and the Director of State
13 Police.